

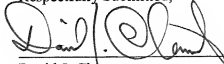
refers to a "Packet Encoding Processor." Applicant has attached a Replacement Sheet for Figure 1 wherein this proper term is associated with reference numeral 160.

By the above, the Applicant has provided a timely response to the outstanding Official Action of March 27, 2007. Applicant further notes that prosecution has been closed on the merits by the examiner who has found this application to be in condition for allowance except for the above informalities. Applicant notes that correction of the informalities noted by the examiner is made only for an issue tangential to patentability or securing a patent, and not for a reason related to securing a patent, or changing or otherwise affecting the scope of intended claim coverage.

Applicant notes receipt of a voice telephone message from the examiner on May 16, 2007 wherein the examiner stated that after an initial telephone conference, the examiner had reviewed a draft of this Amendment provided by fax in advance of and in preparation for a second telephone conference and that instead of conducting that second telephone conference, the examiner would agree to receive the Response as drafted and provide a Notice of Allowance.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable examination of the present application and that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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